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	COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
	Application Number	/
	Filing Date	herewith
	Group Art Unit	unknown
	Examiner Name	unknown

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SUPPORT MECHANISM

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

OR

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Application Number

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(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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PATENT

Applicant: Orville V. Welker

Serial Number: to be assigned

Attorney's Docket No.: 53081/43062

Filed: herewith

For: Support Mechanism

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS [37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)]
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled Support Mechanism described in:

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☐ Application Serial No. __, filed __.
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